

# UTAH STATE PARKS



## JUNIOR RANGER ACTIVITY MANUAL

# HEY KIDS!

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A UTAH STATE PARKS JUNIOR RANGER?

It's easy. Here's what you need to do:

- ♦ If you are between the ages of five and eight complete at least five activities in this book.
- ♦ If you are between the ages of nine and 12 complete all the activities in this book.
- ♦ After you have completed the activities pick up a small bag of litter. *Litter picked out of trash cans or cars does not count.*

*If there is something you don't understand in the manual, it's okay to ask your parents for help.*

When you are finished bring the bag of litter and the activity book to a park ranger and the ranger will check it and sign the activity book.

When everything is completed you will receive an official Utah State Park Junior Ranger badge and a Certificate of Achievement.

I certify that the requirement of **Litter Patrol** was completed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Park Ranger

## Things to remember while visiting state parks:

**Keep the park clean:** Be sure to put all of your garbage in the trash can. If you see litter on the ground, throw it in the nearest trash can.

**Camp only in designated areas:** The land around us can be very fragile, so camp only where campsites are provided.

**Make sure things that belong in the parks, stay in the parks:** Everything in a state park is protected by law, including flowers, rocks, sticks -and animals.

**Don't try to feed the animals:** Some animals may try to bite you. Also people food is not good for animals.

**Don't put your hands and feet in places where you can't see:** Snakes and spiders like to hide in these places and you may get bitten.

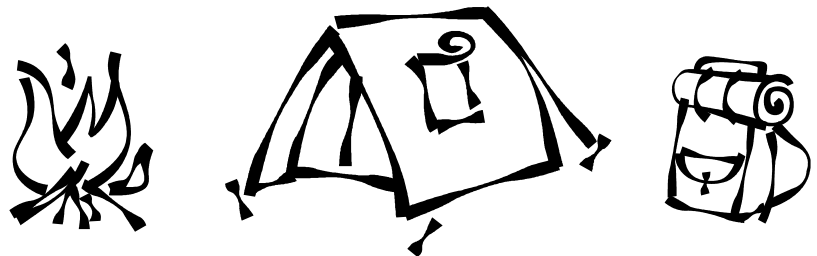
**Keep pets on a leash:** Help protect other furry friends in the park, as well as other park visitors.

**Never swim alone:** Make sure an adult is present, and can see you at all times.

**Use a Personal Floatation Device(PFD):** All water activities require the use of a PFD.

**Drink plenty of water:** Even if you don't feel thirsty the sun and heat can dehydrate your body, so you should drink plenty of liquids.

**Remember to have fun at your state parks and think safety!**



## Clean Water... We Like Clean Water

Unscramble the letters to find out who we are. Use the pictures below as clues. Draw a line from the word to the picture it goes with.

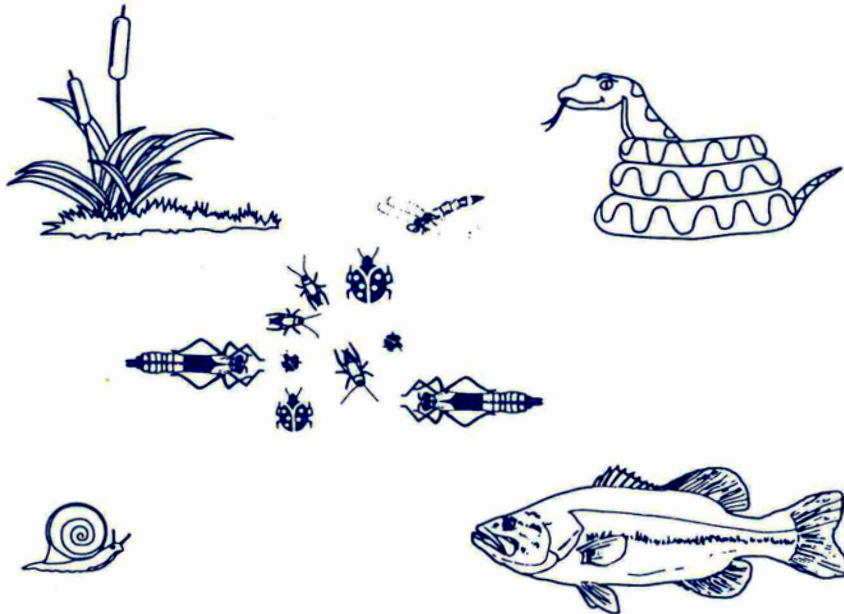
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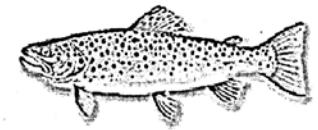
## THE FISH OF UTAH'S LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

Unscramble the letters to find out the fish name. Use the pictures and clues above each fish name to help you.

- Hardy fish
- Golden brown with yellow under parts
- Covered with spots

RNBWO ROTUT

\_\_\_\_\_



- Yellowish in color
- Dark vertical bars
- Fins contain spines

HPERC

\_\_\_\_\_



- Silvery with a strip of red or pink along its side
- Eats various bugs and insects

NBIARWO TOTUR

\_\_\_\_\_



- Has a small bluntly pointed mouth
- Has two fins on its back
- Dark vertical bands

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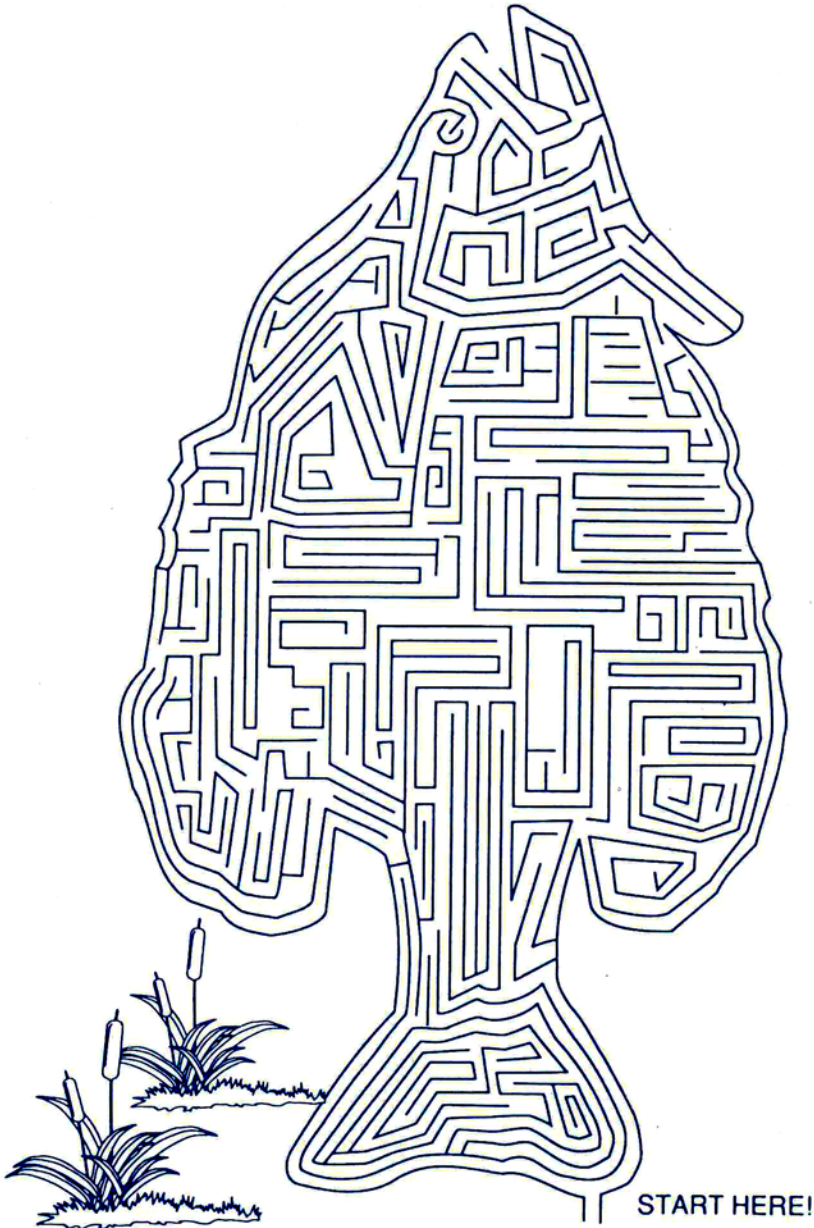
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# An A-MAZE-ing Fish!

TRY YOUR HAND AT THIS TRICKY MAZE.

*DON'T LET THIS BIG ONE GET AWAY!*



# WILDLIFE

## DOT - TO - DOT

Sometimes animals try to blend into the background in order to hide from predators. Connect the dots to find out what animal is hiding in this picture.





One of Utah's 42 state parks is Anasazi State Park Museum. This museum is home to pots, arrowheads, rugs, and other things made and used by American Indians.

How many words can you make using the letters from

# ANASAZI STATE PARK

Try to find 30 words without using plurals.

[illegible]

10 words = good

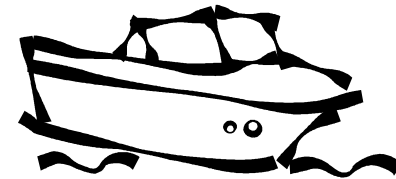
11-15 words = very good

16-20 words = excellent

21 or more words = outstanding

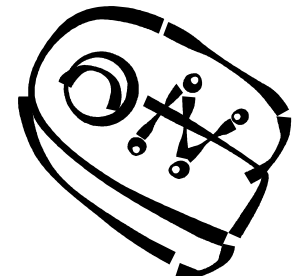
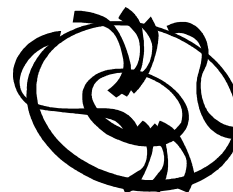


# BOATING SAFETY



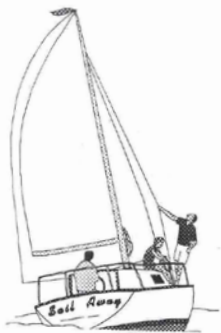
Match the two columns together

- |                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| 1) Never swim alone             | a) Don't LITTER   |
| 2) PFD                          | b) Make sure an adult is present and can see you          |
| 3) Learn to swim                | c) Raised flag alerts other boats of a fallen skier       |
| 4) Keep our waterways clean     | d) If your boat tips over, hang onto boat                 |
| 5) Keep an eye on the weather   | e) Take swimming lessons                                  |
| 6) Always wear your life jacket | f) Life jacket - required for children under 13 on a boat |
| 7) Waterski flag                | g) Water markers used for boating safety                  |
| 8) Stay with your boat          | h) When dark clouds approach, leave the water             |
| 9) Watch for bouys              | i) For all water activities; it may save your life        |



# WORD SEARCH

B	W	C	X	S	A	I	L	I	N	G	A	C	D
L	E	M	O	D	E	X	T	S	B	L	M	S	W
R	A	P	U	A	G	W	A	K	U	H	S	A	A
H	T	Y	T	G	S	W	I	M	L	V	A	F	T
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D	G	E	Z	N	P	W	P	L	B	W	E	Z	K
B	U	O	Y	X	F	H	O	P	A	I	L	J	X
Y	P	F	R	B	D	Q	G	E	M	G	D	A	C



BOAT PFD BUOY SAFETY COASTGUARD SAILING  
DIVE STORM FLAG SWIM LIFE JACKET WATERSKIING  
WEATHER



## BOAT SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Motorboat drivers are required to have the following safety equipment on their boats. Junior Rangers should make sure they have the necessary safety equipment on any boat they ride in. Draw a line matching the safety equipment to the correct picture.

**Life Jacket** - one for every person on the boat

**Fire Extinguisher**

**Whistle** - or other sound producing device

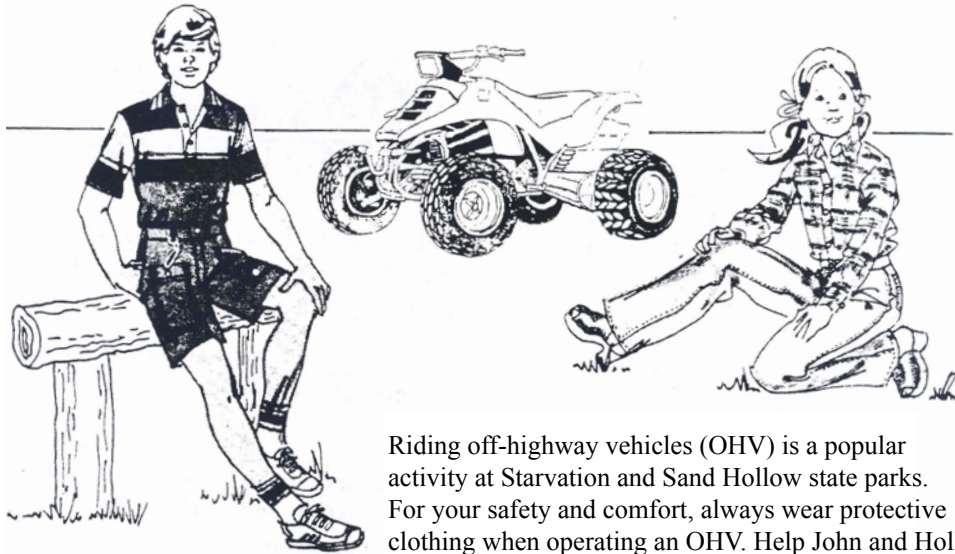
**Bail Bucket** - or bilge pump

**Life Ring** - (Type IV PFD)

**Paddle**



# Off-Highway Vehicle Safety



Riding off-highway vehicles (OHV) is a popular activity at Starvation and Sand Hollow state parks. For your safety and comfort, always wear protective clothing when operating an OHV. Help John and Hollie pick the right clothing for their ride. From the items below, circle the appropriate clothing for riding an OHV.



Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word from the list at the bottom of the page.

\_\_\_\_\_ only where motorized vehicles are permitted.

\_\_\_\_\_ the rights of hikers, skiers, campers and others to enjoy their activities undisturbed.

\_\_\_\_\_ myself by obtaining travel maps and regulations from public agencies, complying with signs and barriers, and asking owners' permission to cross private property.

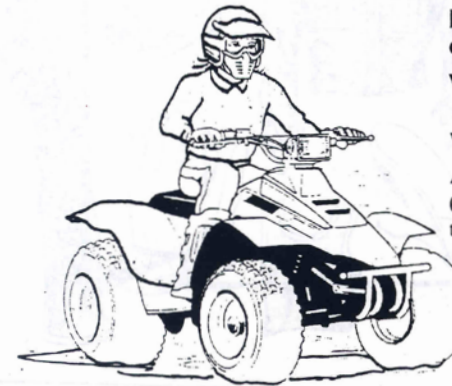
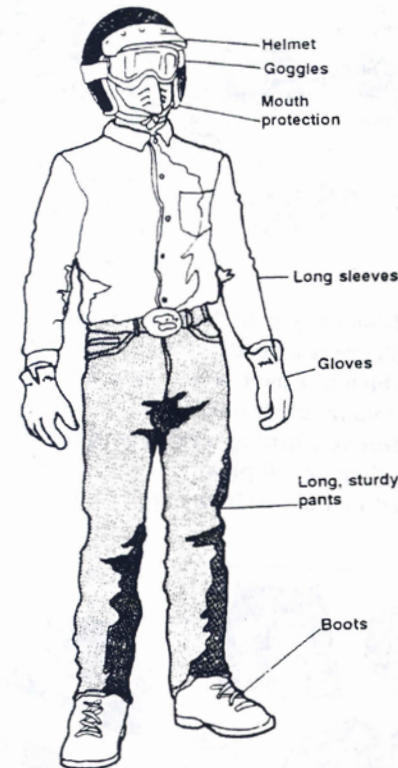
\_\_\_\_\_ streams, lakeshores, meadows, muddy roads and trails, steep hillsides, wildlife and livestock.

\_\_\_\_\_ responsibly to protect the environment and preserve opportunities to enjoy my vehicle on wildlands.

## Word List:

**Avoid, Educate, Drive, Travel, Respect**

(Hint: The first letter of each word will read from top to bottom = TREAD)



## JUNIOR RANGER RESPONSIBILITIES

Junior Rangers help park staff protect the parks. Talk to your parents about the following responsibilities of a Junior Ranger and have them sign the bottom of the page.

If a Junior Ranger sees a field of wildflowers, would he/she pick them?  
YES NO WHY? \_\_\_\_\_

Do Junior Rangers drop trash on hiking trails?  
YES NO WHY? \_\_\_\_\_

Would a Junior Ranger leave hot coals in the fire pit before going to bed?  
YES NO WHY? \_\_\_\_\_

Do Junior Rangers go swimming or hiking alone?  
YES NO WHY? \_\_\_\_\_

Do Junior Rangers feed the wildlife?  
YES NO WHY? \_\_\_\_\_

Would a Junior Ranger stop to pick up litter in the park?  
YES NO WHY? \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ promise to do my best to always take care of the plants and animals. I will always be safe when swimming or boating. I promise to help keep state parks clean and safe, and help others do the same.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

# CONGRATULATIONS!

This certifies that

\_\_\_\_\_ has completed the Utah State Parks  
Junior Ranger Program

As a Junior Ranger you are now expected to uphold the high standards expected of Junior Rangers and do your part to help keep Utah's state parks clean, safe and friendly.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Park Ranger Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# **THIS JUNIOR RANGER MANUAL BELONGS TO:**

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